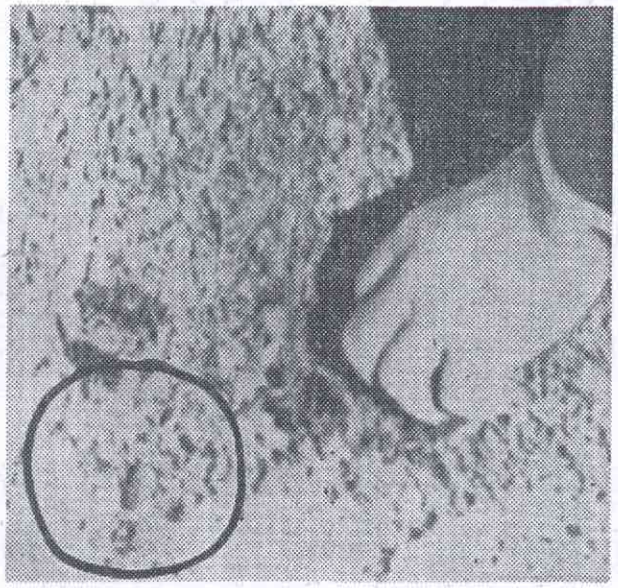
Garrison Says Photos Show .45 Bullet Killed Kennedy

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison has released three pictures which he says show that a .45-caliber bullet killed President John F. Kennedy instead of a 6.5 Mannlicher-Carcano as the Warren Commission concluded.

"In the absence of a prompt explanation by the federal government as to why this bullet has been kept concealed, there is no alternative but to conclude that the entire assassination investigation and the Warren Commission inquiry comprised an elaborate camouflage designed to protect the assassins of President Kennedy as well as the men behind them," the district attorney said yesterday.

In trying to prove that there was a conspiracy, Garrison contends that Kennedy was killed by a man with a .45 standing in a manhole somewhere along the Dallas motorcade route. He says the man escaped through sewers. A .45 has short-range accuracy and inflicts a heavy impact.



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New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison says this enlarged picture shows the hand of a federal agent reaching for a .45-caliber bullet (circled) at the scene of the Kennedy assassination in Dallas. This is one of three pictures which Garrison says proves a conspiracy.

Says Johnson Knows

Garrison said yesterday the photographs indicate that President Johnson "necessarily must known that the conclusion of the Warren Commission is a fraud and that the people of the United States have been fooled."

One of the pictures shows an unidentified man bending over to pick up what Garrison said was a .45-caliber bullet within 10 minutes of the assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The district attorney said the second picture, an enlargement of a man's hand, shows the person picking up the bullet and the third shows the man with the bullet clinched in his left hand.

"The bullet has been identified, by a comparison study of bullets, as a .45-caliber, apparently steel-jacketed," Garrison said.

He said the man picking up the bullet "indicated that he is apparently an investigative agent of the federal government, either employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or Secret Service."

Garrison said dark splotches on the ground scattered around the bullet, which can be seen in all three pictures, are pieces of matter from President Kennedy's head.

Garrison said that before describing Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone assassin, "the federal government had to know that, inasmuch as it is impossible to fire a .45-caliber bullet from a 6.5 Mannilicher-Carcano, there had to be a number of individuals firing at the president and that the act was not accomplished by a lone assassin."

The bullet was not introduced into evidence before the Warren Commission and was not referred to anywhere in the 26-volume report on testimony and exhibits, according to Garrison.